

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for election of species, applicants hereby elect the species I, including an inflow layer of synthetic fibers. Claims 13-24 and newly submitted claim 35 are deemed to read on the elected species.

Newly submitted claim 35 is generic to species I and species II.


Favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #178/48916).

Respectfully submitted,

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